

Dear Neighbor,

May has truly flown by! While the House awaits the Senate's changes to House Bill 33, the state operating budget, I have remained busy working for you here at the Statehouse.

Welcome To Ohio

I was proud to recognize our educators in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. I thank all educators and school staff who work hard each day to ensure our children and students are receiving the best education and care possible. That's why I support legislation to guarantee every Ohioan, no matter where they live, has a quality education. Democrats delivered a major win for education by advocating an update to the Fair School Funding Plan that would invest more money in our public schools. The Fair School Funding Plan supports students and ensures that public schools get the funds they need to succeed. Thank you, teachers, administrators, and staff, for all you do!

In our efforts to find common ground to better the lives of all Ohioans, my Democratic colleagues and I remain steadfast in our position of never dividing and distracting Ohioans from the crucial work needed to put people first and move Ohio forward.

It is an honor to serve you as your state representative. As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tavia Galonski

State Representative Ohio House District 33

NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONT from Ohio House Democrats

May is National Military Appreciation Month, a time to recognize and pay tribute to all members of the military.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure that we appreciate the men and women of our armed services that keep us safe.

I will continue to advocate for active military and veterans so that they receive the resources and support they deserve.



I am hosting office hours on Monday, June 5th at the Goodyear Branch Library from 1-3pm. I hope to see you there!

I will be hosting more office hours throughout the 33rd District this year to learn about the issues that matter most to you.

Rep. Galonski Recognized as NAMI Ohio Legislator of the Year

This month, I received the 2023 Legislator of the Year award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Ohio chapter.

Throughout my time in the legislature, I have been committed to improving the quality of life for individuals with mental illness and ensuring that they receive robust support. NAMI does vital work advocating for Ohioans who have been impacted by mental illness, and I am honored to have been recognized by this incredible organization.

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May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Each May, we observe Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month to reaffirm our commitment to stopping Asian hate and ensuring all Ohioans can live with safety and dignity in their communities.

Earlier this year, Rep. Anita Somani (D-Dublin) and I introduced House Bill 25, legislation to create the Ohio AAPI Affairs Commission and the Office of AAPI Affairs to address the injustices of the past and understand the unique difficulties in addressing the needs of the Asian American and Pacific Islander population in Ohio.



On May 10th, House Republicans voted to pass Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 2—also known as HJR 1. My colleagues across the aisle ignored their own constituents to pass this attack on direct democracy that subverts the will of voters, reinstates a costly August special election, and undermines over a century of precedent in which Ohioans have held the right to bring their concerns to the ballot box through citizen-led initiatives.

Ohioans from every corner of the state came to Columbus numerous times to use their voices and make it crystal clear to this legislative body that SJR 2 is unpopular, undemocratic, unfair, and unnecessary.

If passed, this constitutional amendment would require a supermajority vote for any citizen-led ballot initiatives, in which 40% of voters could block changes that the majority of Ohioans support.



Our state's Constitution is not for sale. I voted against every form of this legislation when it came through the House Constitutional Resolutions Committee, and I will continue to stand with the people of Ohio and fight for our sacred right of 'one person, one vote.

